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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
de Groot et al.



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RAISING ANTIBODY CONCENTRATION
IN COMPARTMENTS OF THE BODY OF A
NON-HUMAN ANIMAL

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2001, applicants elect the invention of Group I (*i.e.*, claims 10-13 and 17-19) without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to pursuit of the remaining claims in a related application. As suggested in the Office Action, applicants have amended the claims of Group II (claims 1-9 and 21-22) to read on transgenic non-human animals and request that these claims be rejoined and examined.